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Dear Sir:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully assert that on September 1, 2005 the appropriate Japanese priority document was filed with the International Bureau. A copy of the Form PCT/IB/304 issued by the International Bureau was included with the application papers at the time of filing. A copy is also included herewith. However, Notice of Allowability indicates that the priority document was not received. In view of the attached Form PCT/IB/304, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority and receipt of the priority document in an official communication from the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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